



# Remap of solenoidal fields on unstructured quadrilateral grids

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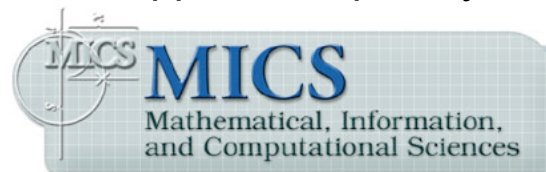
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# What is remap and where is it needed?

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**Remap = transfer of data between grids, subject to constraints**

**Remap is ubiquitous in computational modeling:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| – ALE methods          | remap after rezoning            |
| – Coupled multiphysics | FE Navier-Stokes + FV transport |
| – Multiscale methods   | atomistic-to-continuum coupling |
| – Multilevel methods   | restriction and prolongation    |

**Our focus: remap of div-free fields on unstructured grids**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Coupled physics:</b> | Remap = constrained interpolation |
| – Lagrange multipliers                           | → <b>global &amp; implicit</b>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ALE methods:</b>     | Remap = advection                 |
| – Transport algorithms                           | → <b>local &amp; explicit</b>     |

**Remap between structured grids:**

relies upon grid structure and is not of interest to us



# Nomenclature

## Definitions and notations:

Bochev and Hyman, Application of algebraic topology to compatible spatial discretizations, *Proceedings of the Five-Laboratory Conference on Computational mathematics*, Vienna, June 19-23, 2005.

### Computational grid: chain complex

$$\partial\partial = 0 \quad C_0 \xleftarrow{\partial} C_1 \xleftarrow{\partial} C_2 \xleftarrow{\partial} C_3$$

### Field representation: cochain complex

$$\delta\delta = 0 \quad C^0 \xrightarrow{\delta} C^1 \xrightarrow{\delta} C^2 \xrightarrow{\delta} C^3$$

$\langle c^k, c_k \rangle$  duality

We encode divergence free fields as **2-cochains**:

$$\mathbf{B}: \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad b \in C^2; \quad \delta b = 0$$



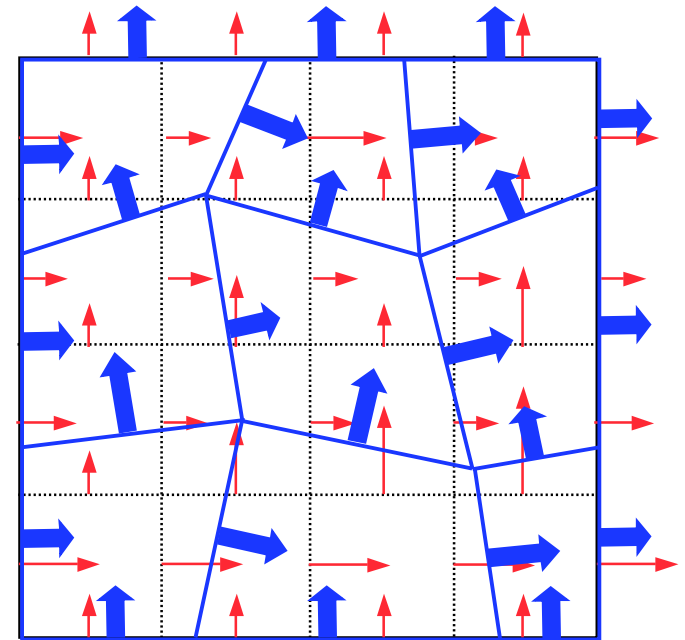
# Formal statement of the remap problem

<b>Given</b>	$\mathcal{K} = (C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3)$	“old” cell complex with cochains	$C = (C^0, C^1, C^2, C^3)$
	$\tilde{\mathcal{K}} = (\tilde{C}_0, \tilde{C}_1, \tilde{C}_2, \tilde{C}_3)$	“new” cell complex with cochains	$\tilde{C} = (\tilde{C}^0, \tilde{C}^1, \tilde{C}^2, \tilde{C}^3)$
	$b \in C^2; \quad \delta b = 0$	Solenoidal cochain on old complex (2-cocycle)	
<b>Find</b>	$\tilde{b} \in \tilde{C}^2 : \begin{cases} \delta \tilde{b} = 0 \\ \tilde{b} \approx b \end{cases}$	Solenoidal cochain on the new complex that approximates $b$	

We focus on two-dimensions and quad cells:

## A good remapper

- Is accurate
- Preserves energy
- Has good feature retention
- Does not “ring” at jumps
- Is efficient (**EXPLICIT**)!



# Lagrange Multipliers Solution

Viewpoint: Remap = constrained interpolation

Constrained Optimization problem

$$J(\tilde{b}; b) = \frac{1}{2} \|b - \tilde{b}\|^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \min_{\tilde{b} \in \tilde{C}^2} J(\tilde{b}; b) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \delta \tilde{b} = 0$$

Lagrangian functional

$$\min_{\tilde{b} \in \tilde{C}^2} \max_{\tilde{\lambda} \in \tilde{C}^3} J(\tilde{b}; b) - (\delta \tilde{b}, \tilde{\lambda})_{\tilde{C}^3} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} (\tilde{b}, \tilde{a})_{\tilde{C}^2} - (\delta \tilde{a}, \tilde{\lambda})_{\tilde{C}^3} &= (b, \tilde{a}) \quad \forall \tilde{a} \in \tilde{C}^2 \\ (\delta \tilde{b}, \tilde{\mu})_{\tilde{C}^3} &= 0 \quad \forall \tilde{\mu} \in \tilde{C}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Advantages

□ Arbitrary new and old grids

Disadvantages

□ **Implicit and global:** requires inversion of a saddle-point matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{b} \\ \tilde{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Carey et al. *IJNME* 50, **2001**, Girault, Scott, *Calcolo* **2003**

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# Transport Solution

Viewpoint: Remap = constrained transport

## Advection equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{u}_{REL})$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{u}_{REL}$$

## Invariant form

$$\partial_t b = -d * (*b \wedge \mathbf{u}_{REL})$$

$$e = *(*b \wedge \mathbf{u}_{REL})$$

## Cochain translation

$$\delta_t b = -\delta * (*_h b \wedge \mathbf{u}_{REL})$$

$$e = *_h (*_h b \wedge \mathbf{u}_{REL})$$

## CT Update of $b$

$$\tilde{b} = b - \Delta t \delta e \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \tilde{b} = \delta b - \Delta t \delta \delta e = \delta b \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta b = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \tilde{b} = 0$$

## Disadvantages

- ❑ old and new grid must have the same topology
- ❑ discrete  $*$  operation difficult for unstructured grids

If the old field was solenoidal, the new field stays solenoidal

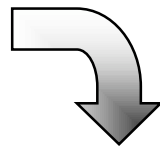
## Advantages

- ❑ Explicit and local

Based on CT scheme of Evans,  
Hawley, *The Astrophysical Journal*  
332, 1988

# Reconstruction to virtual edges

$$e = *_h (*_h b \wedge \mathbf{u}_{REL})$$

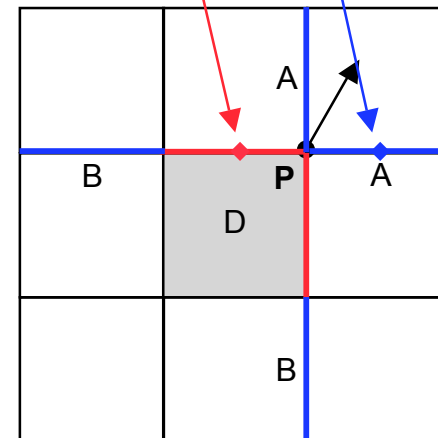


$$\begin{aligned} *_h b &\rightarrow \mathbf{B}(P) \\ (*_h b \wedge \mathbf{u}_{REL}) &\rightarrow (\mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{B}_1 - \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{B}_2)(P) \\ *_h (*_h b \wedge \mathbf{u}_{REL}) &\rightarrow (\mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{B}_1 - \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{B}_2)(P) \end{aligned}$$

Reconstruction of B = averaging to P



$$\mathbf{B}_i(P) = (b_{\text{Donor}} + b_{\text{Ahead}})/2$$



Advection requires upwind interpolation at P:

$$b_{\text{Ahead}} = b_{\text{Donor}} + S \left( \frac{|b_{\text{Donor}}| + |b_{\text{Ahead}}|}{2} - \Delta t \mathbf{u}_i \right)$$

$$S \in \{\text{mono}, \text{harmonic}, \text{Van Leer}, \text{Donor}\}$$

Extension to unstructured grids:

A. Robinson, P. Bochev, P. Rambo.

[http://infoserve.sandia.gov/sand\\_doc/2001/012146p.pdf](http://infoserve.sandia.gov/sand_doc/2001/012146p.pdf)

# CT Remap simply builds a Taylor expansion

$$\mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r} + \Delta\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r})}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r})}{\partial y} \Delta y + O(|\Delta\mathbf{r}|^2)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r} + \Delta\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r})}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r})}{\partial y} \Delta y + O(|\Delta\mathbf{r}|^2)$$

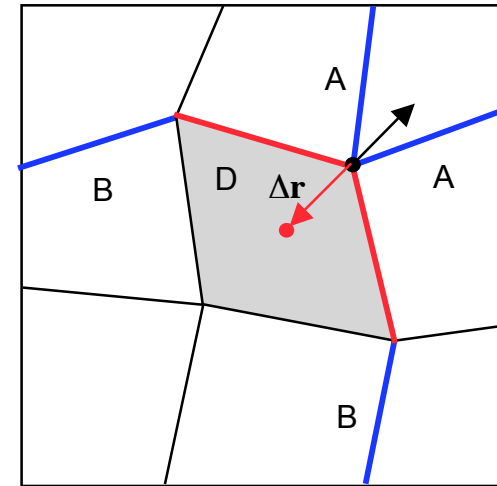
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_2}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r} + \Delta\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r}) + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r})}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r})}{\partial y} \Delta x \right) + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r})}{\partial y} \Delta y - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r})}{\partial y} \Delta x \right) + O(|\Delta\mathbf{r}|^2)$$

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$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r} + \Delta\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r}) \Delta y - \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r}) \Delta x) \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\mathbf{B}_1(\mathbf{r}) \Delta y - \mathbf{B}_2(\mathbf{r}) \Delta x) \end{pmatrix} + O(|\Delta\mathbf{r}|^2) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) - \nabla \times (\Delta\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{B})$$

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Reconstruction must be exact for the 1st derivatives to get 2nd order accuracy.

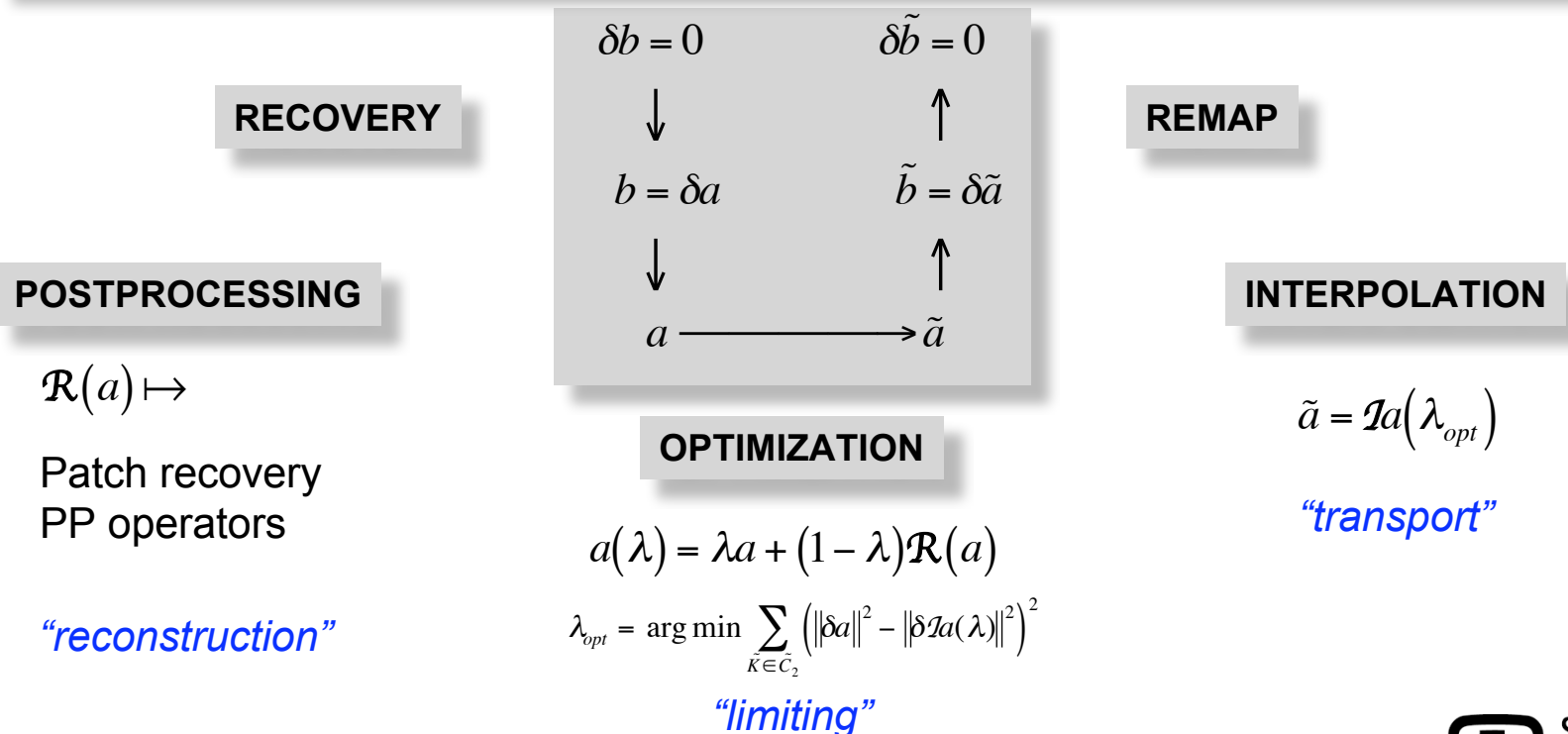




# Constrained Interpolation Algorithm

**Principal idea:** exploit **existence** of **discrete potentials** in exact sequences  
 $\Rightarrow$  **divergence-free constraint automatically satisfied**

**Key component:** an **explicit** potential recovery algorithm

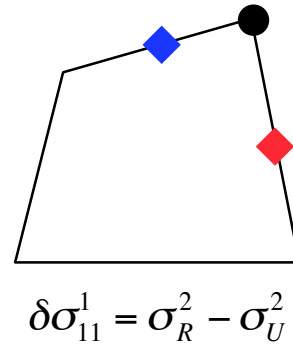
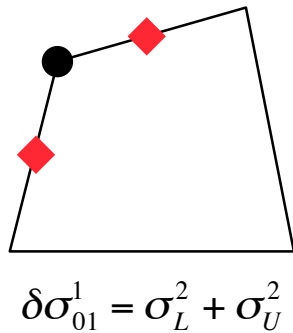
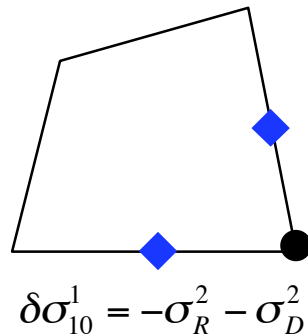
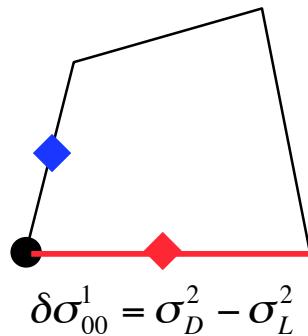
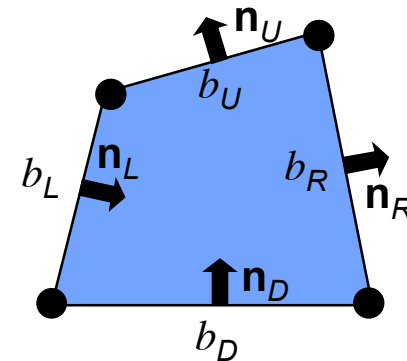




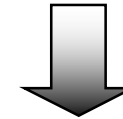
# Computation of coboundary

$$a \in C^1 \Rightarrow a = \sum_{i,j=0,1} a_{ij} \sigma_{ij}^1$$

$$b \in C^2 \Rightarrow b = \sum_{F=D,U,R,L} b_F \sigma_F^2$$



$$\begin{aligned} \delta a &= a_{00}(\sigma_D^2 - \sigma_L^2) + a_{10}(-\sigma_R^2 - \sigma_D^2) \\ &\quad + a_{01}(\sigma_L^2 + \sigma_U^2) + a_{11}(\sigma_R^2 - \sigma_U^2) \end{aligned}$$

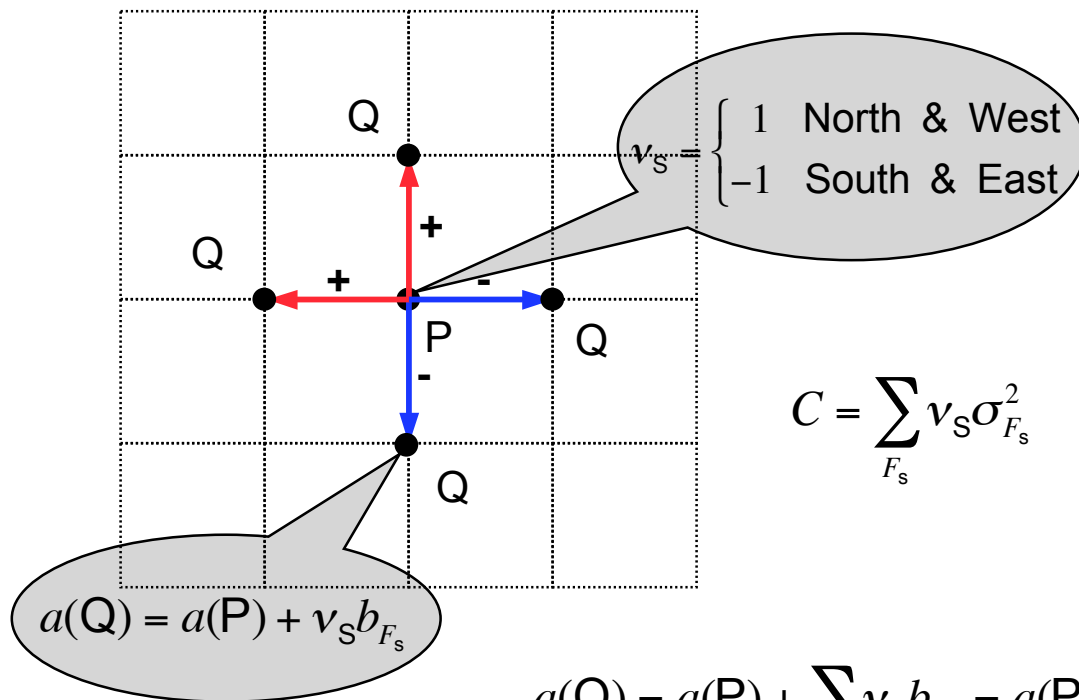


$$\begin{aligned} \delta a &= (a_{00} - a_{10})\sigma_D^2 + (a_{01} - a_{11})\sigma_U^2 \\ &\quad + (a_{11} - a_{10})\sigma_R^2 + (a_{01} - a_{00})\sigma_L^2 \end{aligned}$$

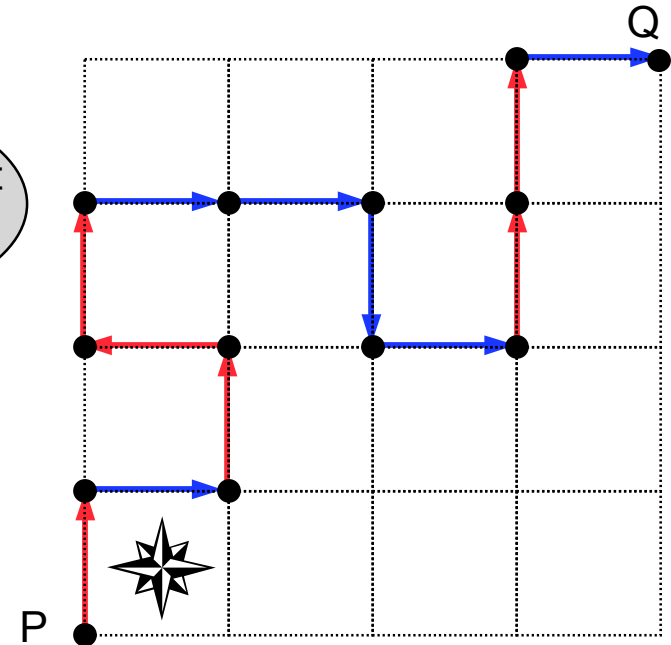


# Explicit Potential Recovery

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \delta a &= (a_{00} - a_{10})\sigma_D^2 + (a_{01} - a_{11})\sigma_U^2 \\ &\quad + (a_{11} - a_{10})\sigma_R^2 + (a_{01} - a_{00})\sigma_L^2 \\ b &= b_D\sigma_D^2 + b_U\sigma_U^2 + b_R\sigma_R^2 + b_L\sigma_L^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \delta a = b \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b_D = (a_{00} - a_{10}) & b_L = (a_{01} - a_{00}) \\ b_U = (a_{01} - a_{11}) & b_R = (a_{11} - a_{10}) \end{cases}$$



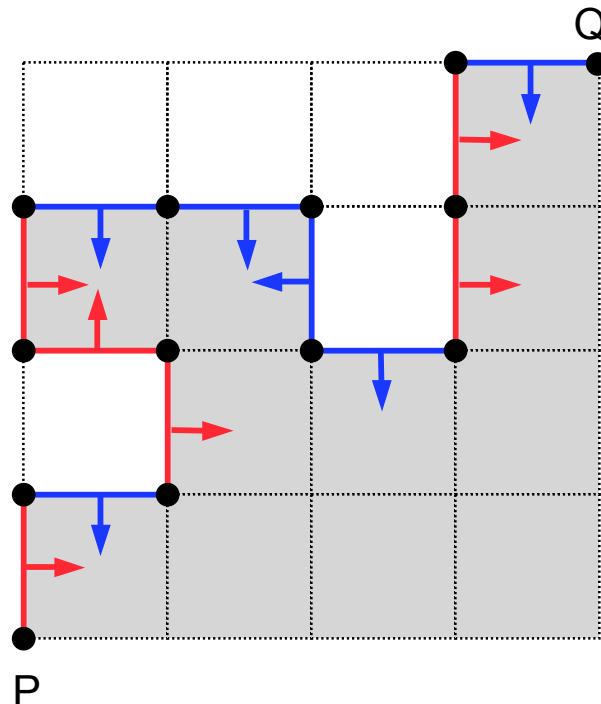
$$C = \sum_{F_S} v_S \sigma_{F_S}^2$$



$$a(Q) = a(P) + \sum_{F_S} v_S b_{F_S} = a(P) + \langle b, C \rangle$$

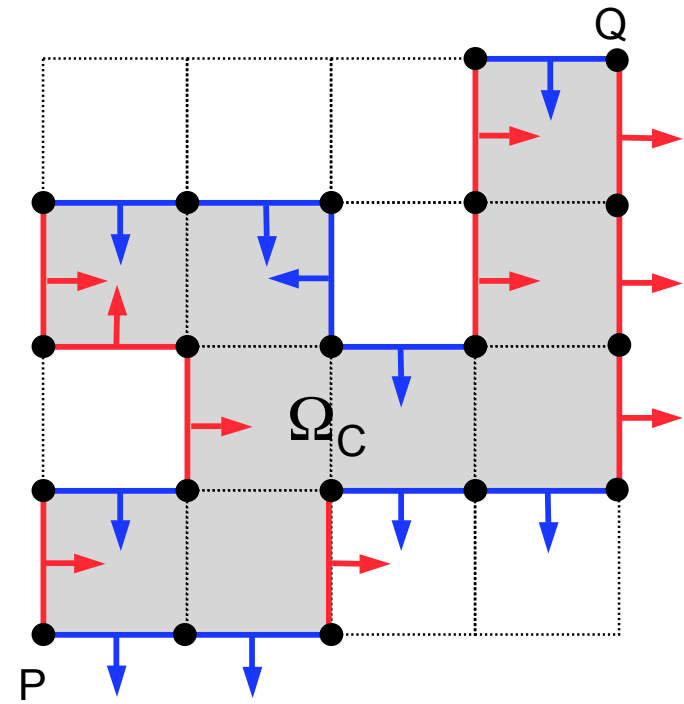


# Path Independence



$$C_1 = \sum_{s_1} v_{s_1} \sigma_{s_1}^2$$

$$C_2 = \sum_{s_2} v_{s_2} \sigma_{s_2}^2$$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \partial \Omega_C = C_2 - C_1 \\ \delta b = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 0 = \langle \delta b, \Omega_C \rangle = \langle b, \partial \Omega_C \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \langle b, C_2 - C_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle b, C_2 \rangle = \langle b, C_1 \rangle = a(Q)$$



# Recovery on Logically Rectangular Grids

1. Choose a spanning tree

$$C_{sp} = \sum_{s_{sp}} v_{s_{sp}} \sigma_{s_{sp}}^2$$

2. Initialize the root (gauge)

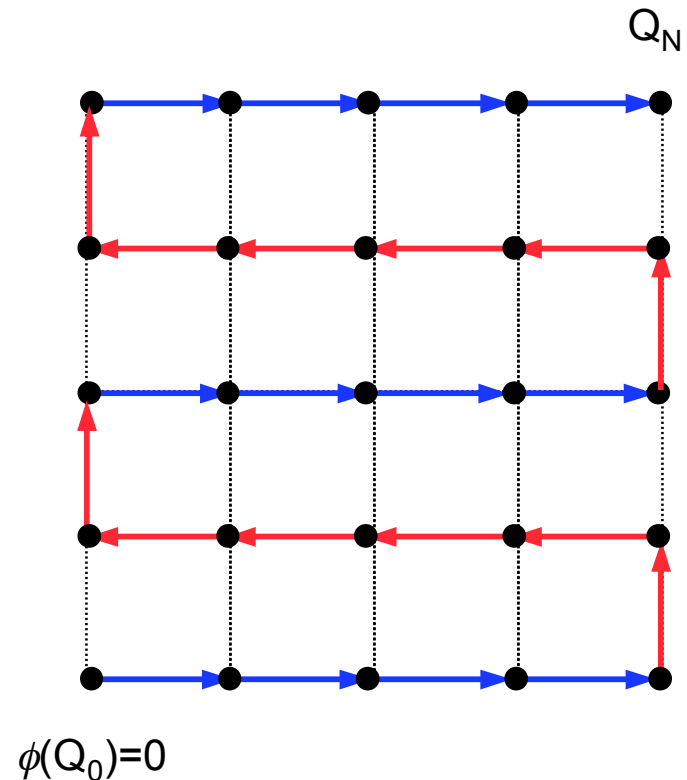
$$a(Q_0) = 0$$

3. Traverse the branches

for  $k=1:N$

$$a(Q_k) = a(Q_{k-1}) + v_k b_{F_k}$$

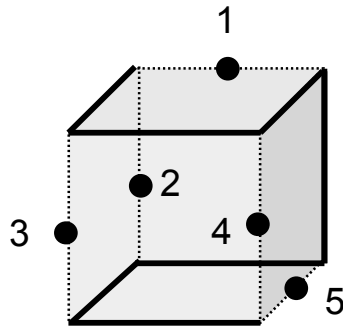
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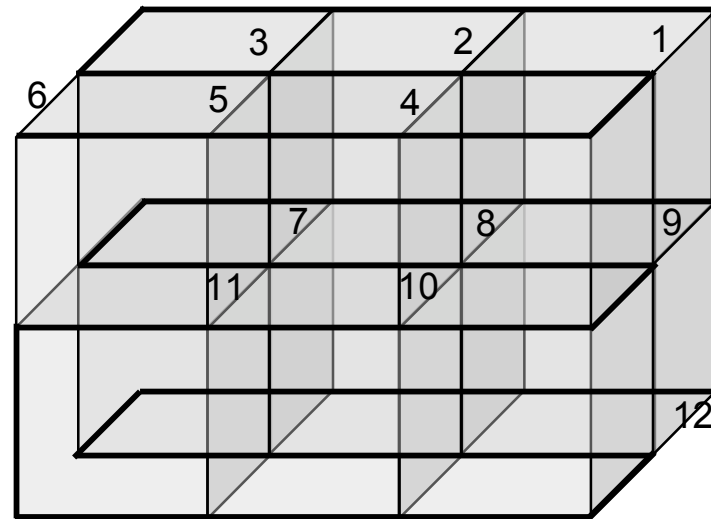
## Base potential recovery in 3D

On one cell:



6 flux DOF - 1 constraint = 5  
12 edges - 7 SP edges = 5

On a logically rectangular mesh



1. Choose a spanning tree and mark edges on co-spanning tree as **free**
2. Order faces with respect to the number of free edges
3. Recover  $\mathbf{A}_B$  on all faces with 1 free edge; update number of free edges
4. If no faces with free edges left **then** stop, **else** proceed to step 3

# Post-processing and Optimization

## Post-processing

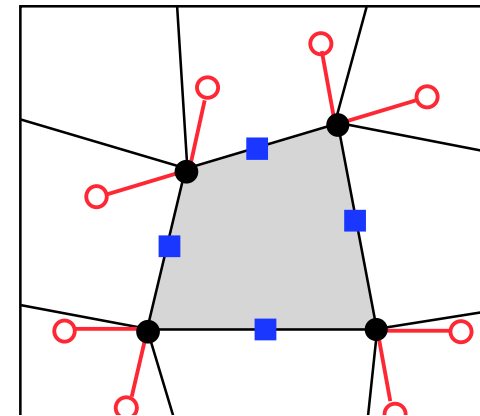
- $\mathbf{A}_B \rightarrow$  base      Q1 (bilinear interpolant)
- $\mathbf{A}_E \rightarrow$  extended      8 node serendipity

## Optimization

$$\mathbf{A}(\lambda) = \lambda \mathbf{A} + (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\lambda_{opt} = \arg \min J(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}(\lambda))$$

Requires **conservative remap** of magnetic energy  
(see *Shashkov and Margolin, LANL LAUR-2002*)



### A. Feedback

$$\lambda_{new} = \begin{cases} \max(0, \lambda_{old} + \varepsilon) & \varepsilon < 0 \\ \min(1, \lambda_{old} + \varepsilon) & \varepsilon > 0 \end{cases}; \quad \varepsilon = \theta \left( 1 - \frac{\|\mathbf{B}_{old}\|_{\Omega}}{\|\mathbf{B}_{new}\|_{\Omega}} \right)$$

### B. I-parameter control

$$\lambda(\Omega) \rightarrow \arg \min \left( \|\mathbf{B}_{old}\|_{\Omega}^2 - \|\mathbf{B}_{new}(\lambda(\Omega))\|_{\Omega}^2 \right)^2$$

### C. Cell-by-cell control

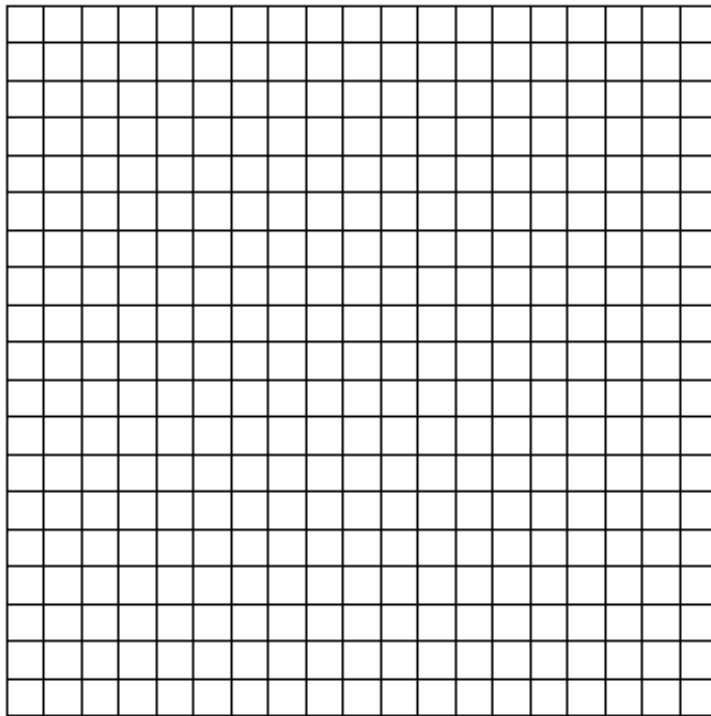
$$\lambda(K) \rightarrow \arg \min \left( \|\mathbf{B}_{old}\|_K^2 - \|\mathbf{B}_{new}(\lambda(K))\|_K^2 \right)^2 \quad \lambda(\mathbf{P}) = \left( \sum_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{K}} \lambda_{\mathcal{K}} \right) / N(\mathbf{P})$$



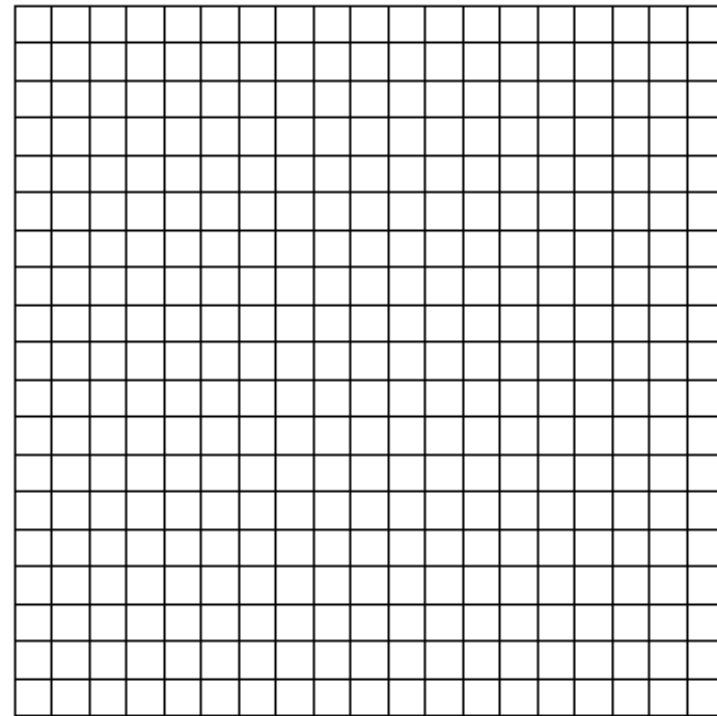
## Numerical Results: Cyclic Remap

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Wave Mesh



Random Mesh



100 cycles

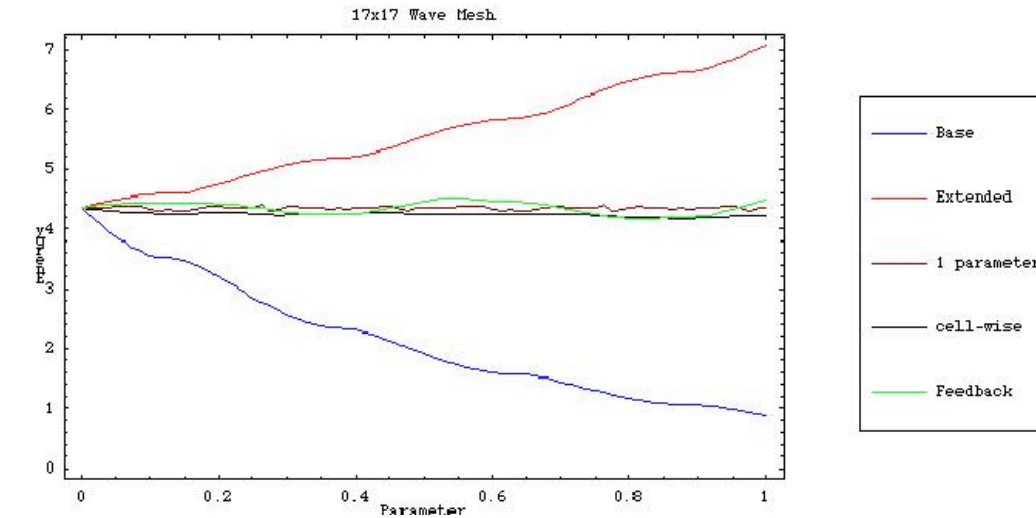
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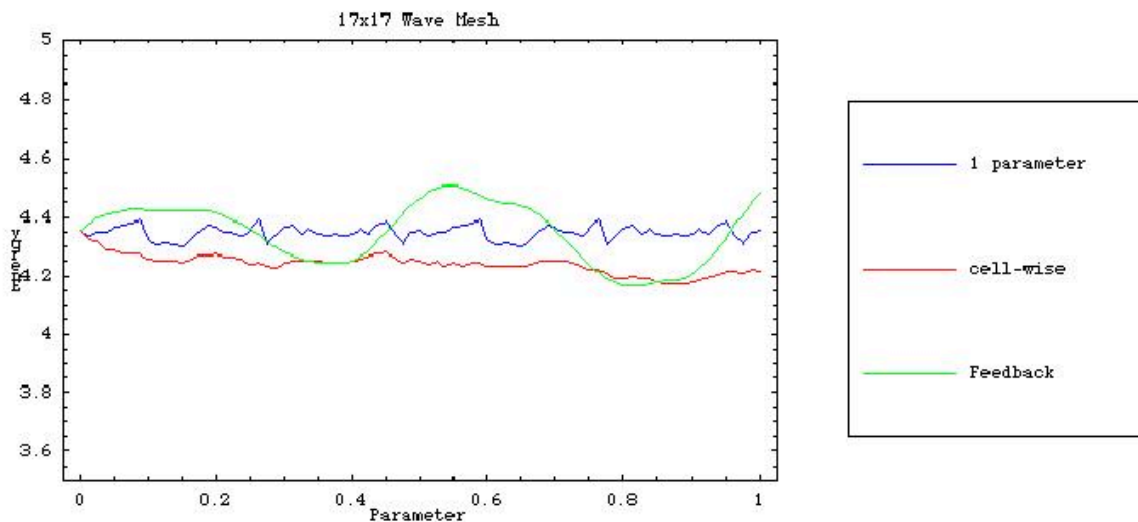
# Potential Optimization: Wave Mesh



**17x17 Wave Mesh:  
80 cycles**

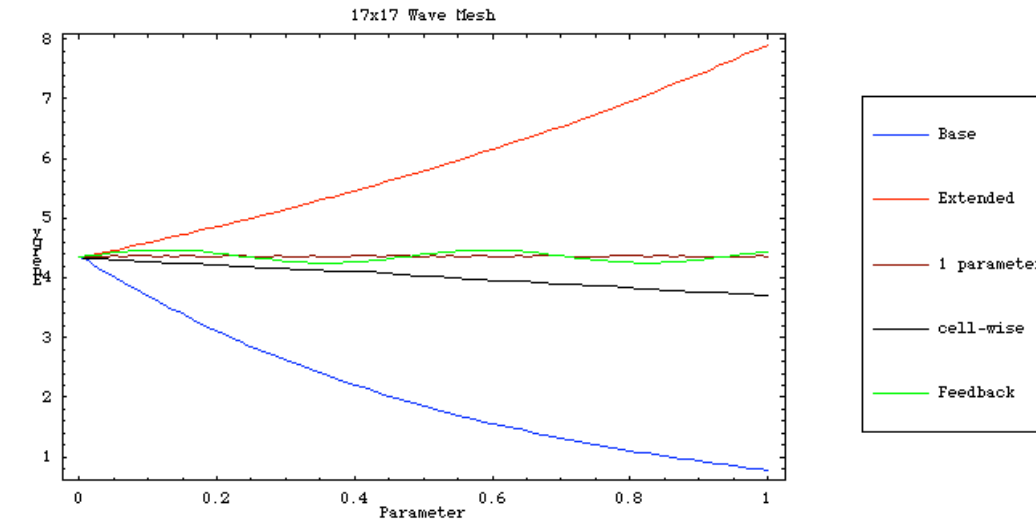
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$$\mathbf{A} = \sin(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi y)$$





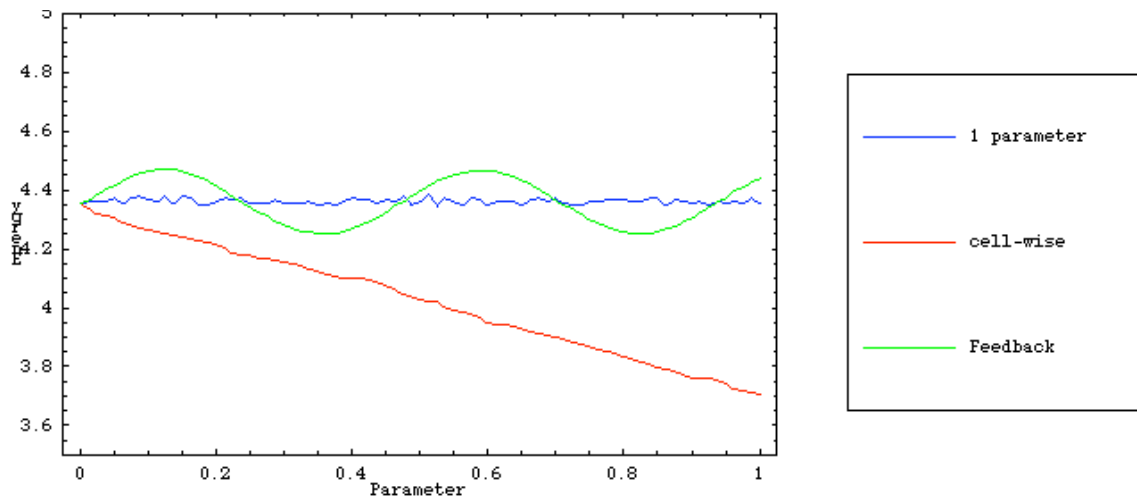
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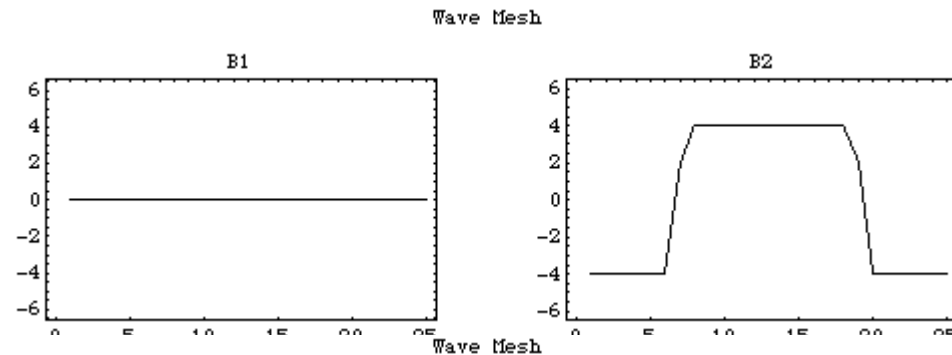




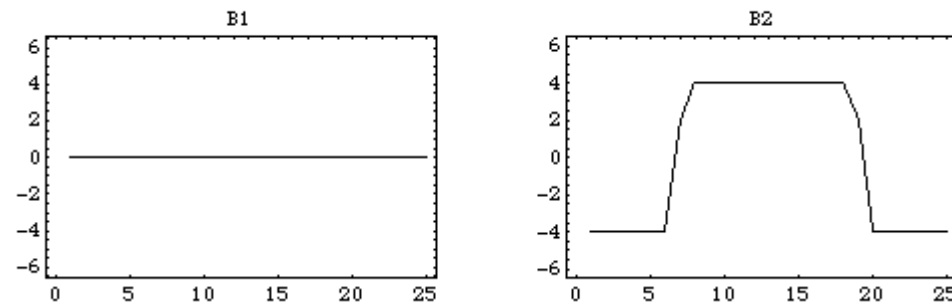
# Potential Optimization: Discontinuous Field

30x30 Wave Mesh:  
100 cycles

1-parameter control

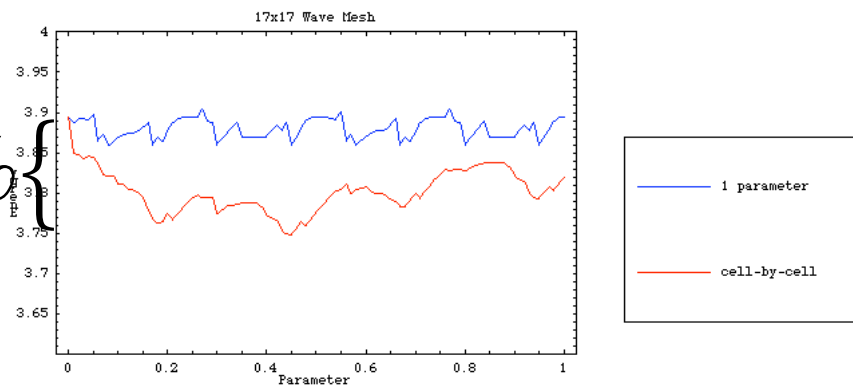


Cell-by-cell control



Energy

$< 4\%$



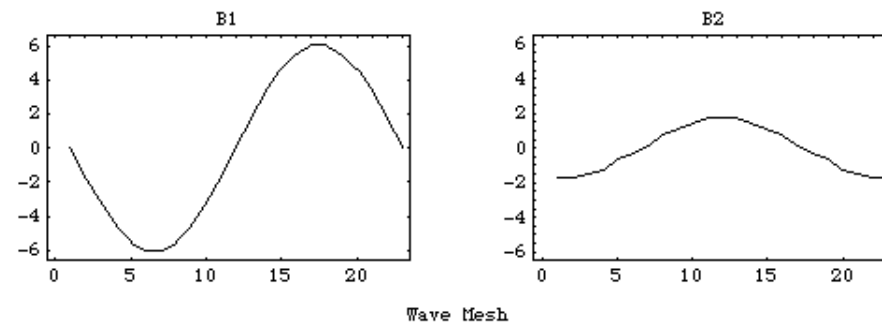


# CI Base vs. CT Donor: Smooth Field

30x30 Random Mesh:  
100 cycles

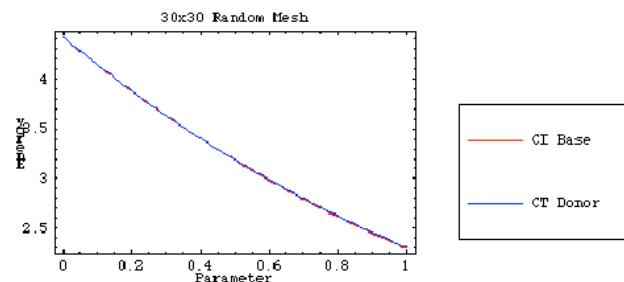
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Wave Mesh



CI Base:

CT Donor:





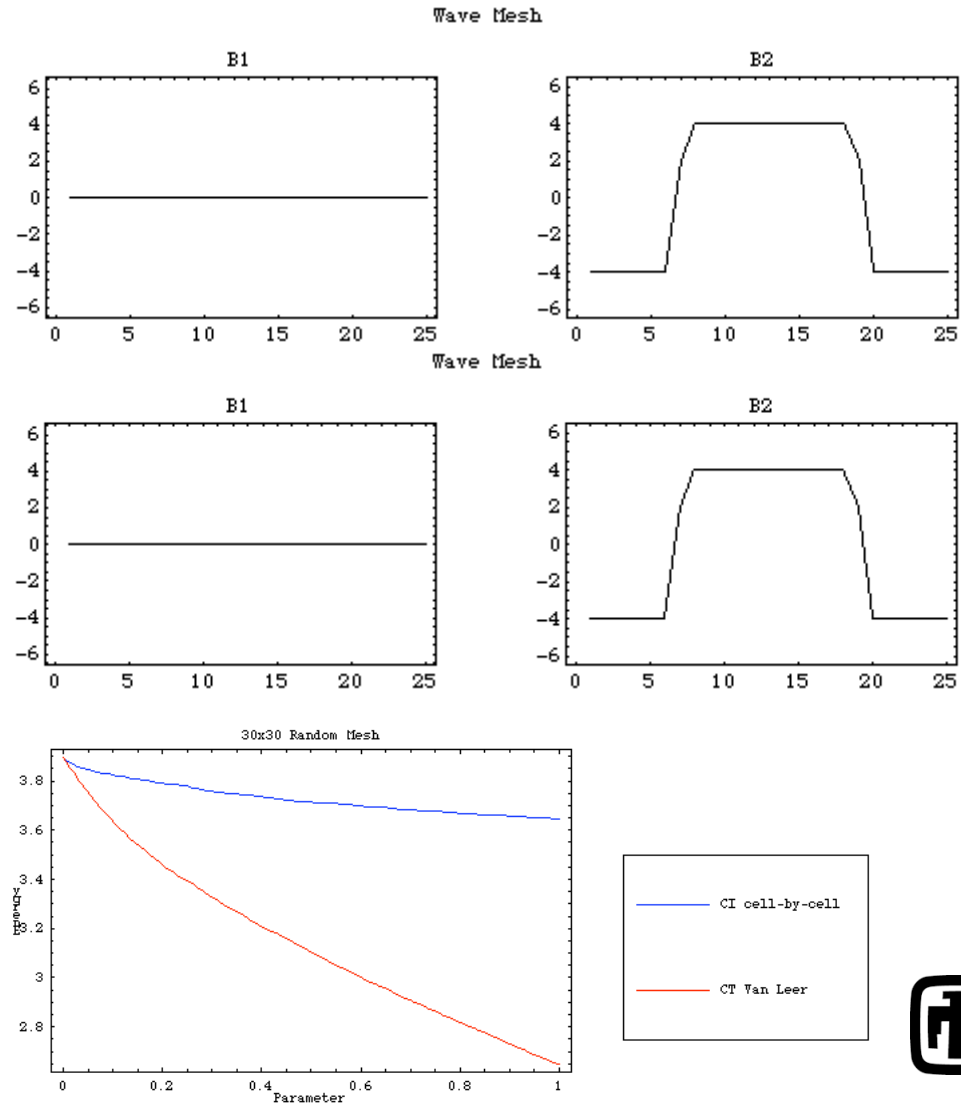
# CI Extended vs. CT High Order: Discontinuous Field

30x30 Random Mesh:  
100 cycles

CT Van Leer

CI Cell-by-Cell

Energy:





## Conclusions

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- ❑ CI Remap algorithm applicable to **arbitrary** pairs of grids:
  1. Old and new grid can have different **topologies** (refinement)
  2. New grid is not necessarily a small perturbation of the old one (**no CFL condition** required for stability)
  3. High accuracy retained for unstructured grids
  4. Explicit
  5. Local if new grid is small perturbation of the old grid
- ❑ Modular: can be extended to different discretizations (FE, FV, FD)

Future work:

- Dissipation control/magnetic energy conservation
- Post-processing of the potential
- 3D algorithm

# Constrained Interpolation (CI) Remap

